

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER for
St. Illtyd's Ilston, St. John the Baptist Penmaen, St Nicholas
Nicholaston, St. Mary's Pennard, St. Teilo's Bishopston
Churches in the Gower Ministry Area
(Reg Charity No C10 1210801 Website gowerma.org)
Sunday 19th April 2026 Second Sundteav after Easter

Contacts

Priests

Venerable Peter Brooks 01792 232928

PeterBrooks@cinw.org.uk

Rev. Nigel King 01792 233124

Nigeledward.king@btopenworld.com

Rev. Sue Waite 01792 234739

srwaite@btinternet.com

Reader

Dave Ball 01792 232037

david@baralawr.co.uk

**LIFE WITH JESUS IS BETTER THAN LIFE
WITHOUT HIM**

God of Mission Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, And power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 19th April

9.30am St. Teilo's Bishopston Eucharist

9.30am St. Illtyd's Ilston Eucharist

11.00am St. Mary's Pennard Eucharist

Wednesday 15th April

9.45 am St Mary's Pennard Eucharist

Thursday 16th April

9.30 am Celtic Communion Lamplighter

Sunday 26th April

9.30am St. Teilo's Bishopston Eucharist

11.00am St. Mary's Pennard Eucharist

11.15am St Nicholas Nicholaston Eucharist

**Sunday 19th April 2nd Sunday after
Easter. In the Diocesan Cycle of**

Prayer we pray for The work of all volunteers within our church communities Area we also pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) and those who follow Jesus in Jordan

St Teilo's Flower rota

April 19th and 26th Rhoma Rich

Congratulations to St Mary's Pennard on achieving their bronze eco church award

A Prayer for Peace

Gracious Lord

We bring our bring plea to you in prayer. In the midst of strife and war we pray that you will grant: Wisdom to the leaders of all nations, Comfort to the fearful, Relief to the suffering and Protection to the innocent. Dear Lord, we pray for Peace. Amen

Each week you receive an email version of this bulletin if you are on our mailing list and also in church a printed version.

Can I ask you please to take the printed version away with you.

It helps us to help you. You have all the readings physically in front of you so you can read them further and reflect on them throughout the week

You have all the notices to hand so there is no reason not to know what's a happening and finally it saves us chucking them out after we have printed what we believe to be the right amount for each church

Many thanks

Stuart and Peter

Please note this change of details The Annual Vestry Meeting for the Gower Ministry Area will now take place at 4.00 pm **17th May** in

St Cattwg's Port Eynon

All are welcome to attend to receive the annual report and to undertake any other business that is necessary on this important occasion
Peter

Tearfund With the continuing problems in Israel and Gaza Tear Fund is in need of our support as they are part of The DEC in addition to our monthly contribution of £60 people can give their contributions to Sue Waite or put them directly into

the Tearfund account. Sort Code: 30 90 89

Account No: 37039368

Here is a current list of what we need at West Cross Foodbank.

Tinned Custard Instant,
packet pasta, Pasta/cooking sauces
Smash, Baked beans, Tinned potatoes
Tinned Spaghetti, Pulses, Milk
Biscuits, Salt and pepper small pots
Washing up liquid, Shampoo, Soap

Drop off to Lamplighter or Church at Sunday Service or Linden Church Monday 11-30-2.30, Wed 9.30-12, Fridays 10-3.

Have you visited us in The Lamplighter recently? We are a welcoming, friendly place, that serves Gower Coffee, has beautiful cards & locally crafted gifts in Bishopston! We have regular groups & friends that use us as a meeting place to have a cuppa! Come in to see our Easter cards, Lent studies and so much more! Pop in to see what we have!
Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 - 3:30
Saturday, 10:00 - 12:00

**SPRING COFFEE MORNING
10-12 FRIDAY 24th April
ST TEILOS GLEBE CHURCH HALL
COFFEE CAKE AND RAFFLE £5.00**

Dear MAC Trustees and MAC visitors

Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM) date, next online MAC date

We are not confident that we will have the 2025 financial accounts examined and returned in time for us to both approve these and distribute them in time for our planned AVM on Sunday 3 May. With this in mind, the AVM is being moved to May 17th 4pm St Cattwg Port Eynon.

This also means that any proposed online meeting for the MAC trustees to 'receive & discuss' the accounts', which were down as 16th April or 22 April, is postponed. The new date for that online MAC trustee meeting is now Wednesday April 29 at 7pm by zoom. We will send you a link closer to the date. Remember that this is only for MAC trustees.

Here is the link:

Peter Lewis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82641556094?pwd=Pr1FgRobnGdp5KTi1TAauVLwxk68eW.1> Meeting ID: 826 4155 6094 Passcode: 949624

Standing for elections

From this weekend there will be forms in our churches for nominations to the role of congregational warden (usually 2 individuals) and a form to elect someone to represent the church at the MAC level (you are currently in that role). You will recall that under our new system,

following the AVM and the appointment of the two MA wardens, we will work out how many other representatives from each of the four clusters will be acting as MAC trustees - at present that is 2 from SW, 2 from SE, 1 from Easter, 1 from North. The decision will be made at the AVM as to which of the elected MAC level church reps will acts as MAC trustees and which will act as MAC visitors. This is a repeat of the process that we employed earlier in the year, and one that needs to be undertaken at the AVM.

I am hoping that you will be able to re-standing for election at the MAC level at May's AVM, but if you are stepping down, many thanks for your participation in our prayers and strategy at the MAC level.

New Member of Staff

At the last MAC meeting we discussed that in the Wonder of Wellbeing project, Chloe will be reducing her hours to 3.5 days and we were going to look for someone to fit the job description for the remaining 1.5 days. Since the MAC met, we have appointed Meg Tucker to the 1.5 days part time role and she will start on May 4th and be in employment until Dec 31st 2026. The budget covers these costs

Safeguarding

An encouragement to make sure that you are up to date with any necessary training. It has been made clear that everyone at the MAC level needs Module A and Module C, which both have to be repeated every 3 years. The Module B course does not need to be undertaken if you have Module C, as the Module C cover much of the material found in Module B. Several people, like myself are signed into Module B training on May 5th. This could be a useful piece of training as it does have some aspects not covered in Module C, BUT if you have Module C at present (and everyone at the MAC level needs this), then you are not obliged to do Module B.

Blessings,

Peter, Gower MAL

=====
=====

Sunday 19th April 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, in your great mercy you gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Zephaniah (3.14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116. 1-3 & 10-end

Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him. The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.' How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?

Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you,
O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

A reading from Acts (2.14a, 36-41)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?'

Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.'

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ
according to St Luke (24.13-35)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are

you discussing with each other while you walk along?’

They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’

He asked them, ‘What things?’

They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’

Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**